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Failure to respond Appeal

Re. Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Information Review Committee
 Central Intelligence Agency
 Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Information and Review Committee:

This is an appeal pursuant to subsection (a) (6) of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

To date, we have not received a letter from anyone in your agency re. our request for information Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. ~~should be directed to you~~ This letter constitutes an appeal. We are enclosing a copy of our exchange of correspondence with your agency so that you can see exactly what files we have requested. ~~and the substantial grounds on which our request has been rejected.~~

We trust that upon examination of our request you will conclude that the information we have requested is not properly covered by your failure to respond, ~~and we demand~~ and will make the information promptly available.

As provided for in the Act, we will expect to receive a reply within 20 working days.

If you are unable to order release of the requested information, we intend to initiate a lawsuit to compel its disclosure.

Sincerely,

John Raymond
 John Raymond
 Common Ground
 PO Box 13805 UCSB
 Santa Barbara, CA 93107
Murv Glass
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 Common Ground

cc. Mr. Willard Hastings, Legal Defense Ctr.
 Rep. Romo Mazzoli, House Intelligence Comm.
 American Citizens for Honesty in Gov't

P.S. We request that you send a memo (copy to us) to all components within your agency not to destroy any files/memos/documents relevant to our request.

August 6, 1979
Martin Luther King, Jr.
Assassinated 4/4/68
Black Civil Rights Leader
Winner of Noble Peace Prize
Opposed Viet Nam War

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[Redacted]
Information and Privacy Coordinator
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear FOIA-PA Coordinator:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act as amended (5 U.S.C. Section 552).

On behalf of Common Ground, a non-profit, tax exempt newspaper of the University of California at Santa Barbara (UCSB), we write to request a copy of all files in the Central Intelligence Agency indexed or maintained under the name Martin Luther King, Jr. and all documents returnable by a search for documents containing this name. This includes, but is not limited to, information in any "Do Not File" and "Administrative Matters" files, and any other similarly labeled file(s) which contain information relevant to our request.

As you know, the amended Act provides that if some parts of a file are exempt from release that "reasonably segregable" portions shall be provided. We therefore request that, if you determine that some portions of the requested information are exempt, you provide us immediately with a copy of the remainder of the file. We, of course, reserve our right to appeal any such decisions.

If you determine that some or all of the requested information is exempt from release, we would appreciate your advising us as to which exemption(s) you believe covers the information which you are not releasing.

We are prepared to pay costs specified in your regulations for locating the requested files and reproducing them.

As you know, the amended Act permits you to reduce or waive the fees if that "is in the public interest because furnishing the information can be considered as primarily benefitting the public." We believe that this request plainly fits that category and ask that you waive any fees.

As provided for in the amended Act, we will expect to receive a reply within 10 working days.

Sincerely yours,

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We have a request from Weisberg, now in litigation. Our copies of whatever is released @ 10¢/page.

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John Raymond and
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Dear Messrs. Raymond and Glass:

This is in response to your letter of 5 October 1979 in which you appealed this Agency's failure to respond to your Freedom of Information request for all files in the CIA indexed or maintained under the name of the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. This FOIA request was amended by correspondence from Common Ground, dated 28 October 1979, to include "all information in CIA files concerning the circumstances leading up to and concerning Dr. King's assassination, as well as all information pertaining to all investigations of Dr. King's murder/assassination in CIA files."

We realize now that a search, in June 1976, has already been made for all CIA documents retrievable under the names of Martin Luther King and James Earl Ray in response to another FOIA request. Since that search would have retrieved any and all documents retrievable in response to your request, it would appear that doing the search again is unlikely to produce additional documents. As a result of our search on both personalities, a total of 373 documents (704 pages) were retrieved from CIA records. Copies of the releasable versions of these documents are available to you for 10¢ per copy of each page, our standard copying fee.

In order to receive these 704 pages you should send a check or money order in the amount of \$70.40 to cover the copying costs of the above documents. Please make your check payable to the Treasurer of the United States and reference F79-0846 to ensure that your account is duly credited.

Sincerely

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Information and Privacy Coordinator

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